January 16

Genesis, chapters 6-8

"Noah, the Ark, & the Flood"

Chapter 6 ...**Make thee an ark** of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch...

Chapter 7 ...[2] **Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.** [3] Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. [4] For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth **forty days and forty nights**; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. [5] And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. [6] And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth...

Chapter 8 ...[6] And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the

ark which he had made: [7] And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. [8] Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; [9] But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth...

Things to Consider

. What might be the reason there were far more "clean" creatures than those which were not clean (unclean) on the ark?

. Does this account indicate that every human who was

born after this event, came from the same family? If so, why do some humans label people with different shades of skin as being from different so-called "races"?

Were not all humans created by the same God, and from the same matter, dust, even from the beginning?

. Would a loving God destroy the whole earth and nearly all that He, Himself, created?

. Does this account give any clues about the earth and how long it has existed?